

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Chikaming Township May 17, 2016

Proposed Minute

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chairman Smith

Members present: Smith, King, Kern, Sullivan

Members absent: Garasic

Others present: Fire Chief Davidson, Police Chief Taylor

Old Minutes: In that this committee only meets twice a year, the old minutes were previously reviewed and approved by email acknowledgement from each member that was present for that meeting.

New Business:

Chief Taylor reviewed his statistical yearly report, highlighting a specific case which required a 3 month investigation. Chief Taylor gave examples of how social media can assist in monitoring and apprehending criminals. He also noted an increase of Heroin usage in Berrien County; and refreshed the committee on golf cart usage and enforcement procedure.

New patrol car should be arriving soon.

Chief Davidson reviewed and presented information on FD and Rescue issues. Update was given on new rescue pumper. Chief and Assistant Chief visited the manufacturing facility (Marion) in Wisconsin for final inspection of vehicle. The truck is complete and will be doing demo visits at various events before being delivered.

Chief Davidson was told there will be no "Taste of Chikaming" this year; therefore he and Chief Taylor will host a public safety open house on August 6, 2016. The time for the public will be 1-4pm. Activities will include: hog roast, Carl Franzon acknowledgement, demos for public on fire extinguishers, rip currents, etc... Chief also thanked community for car wash support. Chief Davidson reported that there were no drowning in Chikaming township last year.

Township will again have use of a 6 passenger all terrain vehicle donated for the summer. Mile-Markers on beach will be checked and repaired or replaced as needed. There was large erosion this year due to lack of early ice cover. Beach shed at Miller beach is up and running.

Both, Chief Taylor and Chief Davidson, briefly discussed the Red Arrow Road Culvert project scheduled to start on August 15, and expected to continue for approximately 3 months. Truck detour has been identified as well as car detour. Increased activity on Prairie Road and East road will be expected due to car detour. Chief Davidson explained that the County Road Commission will be taking measurements within their marked out grid every Friday, to see if there are any changes, settling, etc..

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55

Next scheduled meeting: October 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rich Sullivan

Chikaming Township Board representative to Public Safety Commission